

House Resolution No. 2117

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State children who admirably demonstrate their potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements as students; and

Whereas, the Valley Park School District in the metropolitan Saint Louis area offers a Gifted Program for students which includes a pull-out class with a specially trained teacher who meets with program participants for approximately 3.5 hours per week; and

Whereas, third graders who are involved in the Valley Park Gifted Program include Jasmine, Carlo, Mikaela, Ryan, Jessica, Audre, and Hanna; and

Whereas, the writing of letters by students to governmental officials in elective office, including the Honorable John L. Bowman, State Representative from the Seventieth District, is part of the Gifted Program curriculum at Valley Park; and

Whereas, Gifted students at Valley Park Elementary School focus on gathering, analyzing, and applying information; communicating effectively by verbal, visual, and written means; analyzing problems and applying appropriate problem solving techniques for solutions; thinking critically; working responsibly as an individual, group member, and leader; applying and analyzing appropriate research skills; and thinking affectively; and

Whereas, the Gifted Program at Valley Park Elementary School incorporates state-of-the-art technology into instruction with students learning to use PowerPoint for presentations, Kidspiration or Inspiration for webs or outlines, Microsoft Publisher to print brochures and newsletters, and digital cameras, scanners, and SMARTboards; and

Whereas, Gifted students at Valley Park Elementary School also publish the "Hawk Talk" school newsletter which is distributed within the community four times per school year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Gifted Program at Valley Park Elementary School in the Valley Park School District in the Saint Louis metropolitan area and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Gifted students in the third grade at Valley Park, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.
District No. 70

Representative Jodi A. Stefanick
District No. 93

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2117, adopted April 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker